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## FOUR MONTHS MORE.

WHEN BOYCOTT WILL BE REALLY OVER.

More Improvement at Canton.

PLAIN-CLOTHES STRIKE PICKETS RESTRAINED ON BUND.

That anti-British agitation, following the end of the blockade of Hong Kong, will cease at Canton in four months, is the prediction made confidently by a Chinese merchant who has come here on business.

Further improvement in the situation has been recorded and attempted "examination" activities were restrained in Canton on Wednesday.

The "China Mail" is not in a position to reveal the name of the merchant who is very closely connected with official circles in Canton. Explanations and reasons that he gave made a very convincing narrative and there is no ground for doubting his contention.

He said that by a simple law of economics, Canton's trade stood to benefit by the withdrawal of the boycott and the Nationalist Government really had the welfare of the people at heart.

It was only natural that a minority of dissatisfied elements should clamour. Rumours were

Yesterday the "Fatsan" and "Sai On" returned, after having gone alongside their respective wharves in Canton harbour.

The news that passengers had landed and embarked without any restriction was frantically received by the crowds on the Praya.

The steamers between Macao and Canton have also resumed without any sign of discouragement.

Improved reports have also been received regarding the steam-launch ferries to Nam Tau and the tow-boat service to Shekki, etc.

## TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

CEREMONY AT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ROSSITER-CORLEY.

The wedding took place this morning at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai, of the Rev. H. S. F. Rossiter, of the English Wesleyan Mission, at present resident in Hong Kong, for Miss H. M. Corley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Corley of Kingston on Thames, who arrived in the Colony by the "Mantua".

The Revs. E. A. Bastin and A. H. Bray, M.A., B.D., officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. A. Dransfield, was charmingly attired in a dress of white crepe de chine trimmed with lace, with veil and orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white lilies, white roses and maiden hair fern.

Miss G. Hinton, the bridesmaid, wore a dress of pink georgette, trimmed with lace, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and maiden hair fern.

Dr. W. G. Hollands was best man.

The hymns "O happy home, where Thou" and "O perfect love" were sung.

After a reception at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, where many friends were entertained, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay and Cheung Chau, the bride travelling in a fawn silk dress with hat to match.

## COUNCIL MEETING.

COLONY'S BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the most important business was first reading of the bill dealing with the Colony's budget for next year.

Speeches by H.E. the Governor and the Colonial Secretary will be given to-morrow in extenso, in preference to brief summaries to-day which may not do justice to a subject of concern to all.

The attendance comprised:—H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.)

H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Leard, C.B., C.M.G.)

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary).

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., K.C. (Attorney General).

The Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works).

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police).

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotswall, LL.D.,

The Hon. D. G. M. Bernard, The Hon. Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. S. E. B. McDermid (Clerk of Councils).

## FIRE AT AGAIN.

British River Gunboats in Action.

YANGTSE MILITARY ATTACK.

Boycott Situation at Chungking New Improving.

Hankow, Oct. 14. H.M.S. "Bee" (one of the gunboats of the British flotilla on the Yangtse) was fired on near Shasi yesterday.

There were no casualties and the "Bee" returned the fire.

A protest has been made to the southern military authorities. H.M.S. armed auxiliary "Kiawo" left Wansien to-day for Ichang (which is further down the river).

The situation at Chungking (last treaty port up the Yangtse) appears to be steadily improving. Gunboats are obtaining supplies and the native staffs are returning to British firms.

The local situation has not changed.

Severe Bombardment.

A French gunboat was fired on yesterday, between Kiukiang and Hankow and one man was killed.

Naval Despatch.

Note: Shasi is also above Hankow, but is in the hands of the

## POLICY TOWARDS CHINA.

Our New Minister "Hits From the Shoulder."

London, Oct. 14.

Lord Southborough, who presided at a China Association banquet, bade goodnight to Mr. Miles Lampson who is going to China within a week as the New Minister.

Mr. Lampson, responding, voiced the Government's deep sympathy with the difficulties of the Chinese people while observing strict impartiality towards the contending factions; but pending the establishment of a national government, the British Government was bound to accord their nationals the fullest protection and exact reparation for any wrong done where no Chinese authority exists.

Mr. Lampson paid a tribute to the patience and sacrifices of British communities in China in endeavours to overcome the difficulties which they had faced, which make it more incumbent on the Government to defend their lawful rights.

Nevertheless he was confident the Chinese people would not misinterpret the attitude as implying unfriendliness to them or a desire to interfere with internal politics in China.—Reuter.

southerners. Ichang is a little further up. Both ports are in Hupeh province.

Shanghai, Oct. 14.

It is reported that H.M.S. "Woodlark" was fired upon on Oct. 13 near Tungting Lake.

The vessel was subjected to a severe bombardment, and was forced to return the fire with machine-guns and pom-poms. She suffered no casualties.—Reuter.

Chang Kai-shek's Order.

In order to avoid international complications (says the "Canton Gazette"), General Chang Kai-shek has issued a strict order prohibiting his troops from firing upon foreign gunboats and other vessels on the Yangtse unless the latter wilfully disregarded the shipping regulations instituted by the Nationalist general headquarters.

It will be recalled that the British Consul-General in Canton was instructed by the Minister in Peking to send a note to Mr. Eugene Chen on the matter.

Too Well Disciplined?

The note stated that British vessels have always maintained strict neutrality and have been forbidden from transporting arms.

Mr. Eugene Chen (Canton's Foreign Minister) explained to the Consul that the southern troops "known to be well disciplined, could not have taken such actions against British vessels and that the incidents might have been caused by the troops newly incorporated into the Nationalist Army.

## LULL IN WAR.

NO CHANGE ON KIANGSI FRONT.

OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

No material change has occurred in the Kiangsi war zone, nor does any seem imminent from the trend of hostilities.

Reports to hand, however, point to there being little possibility of an armistice supervening. On the contrary, it is predicted by military observers that General Chang Kai-shek is just waiting to take stock of his position before launching another drive.

Meanwhile the southerners are retreating gradually and slowly, with the northern Allies reluctant to keep "close contact" that necessitates entering the hilly country away from the Kiangsi-Nanchang Railway.

Other Influences.

At quite a number of points, small detachments of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops are moving westwards, after engaging the Cantonese and slightly pushing them back.

It is felt that should the war on the Fukien front prove unfavourable to the Nationalists, Chang Kai-shek's hand may be hastened to the extent of attacking to relieve the pressure.

Chinese reports say that a few of Sun Chuan-fang's gunboats may leave the Yangtse for Kien.

The position near Swatow is obscure and it is almost impossible to say which side is winning, as the engagements hitherto have been relatively unimportant.

Russian Arms for Canton.

Washington, Oct. 9.

A high official of the State Department said to-day that Russia was shipping arms into China in great quantities. He said that evidence in the possession of the department proved this fact conclusively. Most of the guns and ammunition, he said, were being sent to the Cantonese army but large quantities were available for the defeated Kalgan troops if they should ever be reorganised.

He said the department had no knowledge that Japan was engaging in similar trade.—Associated Press.

## 1½ MILLIONS SAVED.

CUTTING DOWN PUBLIC WORKS.

1927 ESTIMATES.

In consequence of a decrease of \$1,887,236 in estimated expenditure during 1927 on Public Works Extraordinary the total Estimates for 1927 show a decrease over the total Estimates for 1926.

Savings are also provided for in other directions but these are more than equalled by estimated increases and the total decrease on next year's estimated expenditure as compared with this year's is less than the amount saved on Public Works Extraordinary.

The total decrease is \$1,575,913 (\$22,214,702, as compared with \$23,790,615). These figures include the Public Debt and Military Contribution.

Cadet Service Reduction.

The Cadet service has come in for a reduction in the 1927 Estimates, there being a decrease of \$27,036 largely as the result of reductions provided for on new appointments.

Another saving is effected in the Public Works Department as a result of reductions on new appointments provided for and the excess of reductions on the abolition of posts over the amount provided for new posts.

Public Works Recurrent estimated expenditure for 1927 is up by \$340,700.

The Police Department estimated expenditure is also up (by \$69,727). Among the increases is provision for expense incurred on the conveyance system, the creation of new posts and a heavy item for rations for Indian police.

Education Dept. Cost.

The estimated Education Department cost for 1927 is above that for 1926 by \$235,428, new posts being estimated at \$91,667 increase, and building grants at \$100,000 increase.

The Medical Department provides for new posts and the estimated increase on all costs is \$12,080.

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## SHIP MISSING?

Anxiety About Coasting Steamer.

S.S. "BORNEO" OVERDUE HERE.

May Have Met the Typhoon Near Hainan.

The Yick Tai S.S. Co., Ltd. of Hong Kong owners of the S.S. "Borneo" (of which Capt. J. H. Van den Berg is the skipper), are anxious as to the safety and whereabouts of their steamer which is on the Hongkong-Hong Kong run.

The local office was advised that the "Borneo" sailed from Hongkong on Oct. 10 at daylight with a full cargo of coal consigned to the Tai-koo Sugar Refining Co. here.

The "Borneo" therefore, is considerably overdue. Another point which makes those concerned uneasy is the Observatory's report of the existence of a severe typhoon near Hainan, last Sunday.

Masters of vessels sailing to Hainan are asked to keep a "look-out" for any sign of the steamer.

The "Borneo" is a coasting steamer calling regularly at Hong Kong, and flies the British flag.

## STOLEN GOODS.

WEST POINT BURGLARY SOLVED.

PAWNSHOP ARREST.

A watch kept by detectives at the pawnshops resulted in a clue which led to the arrest of a burglar who took two new raincoats and other clothing from No. 5, Sai On Lane (western district) on Tuesday night. All the property was recovered.

Entrance to the house, occupied by a rattan maker, was gained by cutting through the door with a sharp instrument and unfastening the bolt.

As is the usual way with thieves, the real culprit kept in the background while he hired another man to go to a pawnshop far away from the scene of the robbery to pledge part of the stolen property.

A detective questioned the man regarding the property and after a fruitless attempt to prove that the clothing was given to him by his sister he took the officer to Causeway Bay where he thief, was waiting with the remainder of the haul.

When brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, the first defendant denied knowledge of the burglary, but claimed that the property was handed to him by the second defendant to pawn. This was admitted by the latter, who confessed to being the thief.

Divisional Inspector Grant proved a previous conviction against the second defendant. His Worship imposed sentence of four months' hard labour on the charge of larceny. The first defendant was found guilty of receiving the stolen property and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## THE WEATHER.

The official forecast of the weather, for Hong Kong, coast and Formosa Channel, till noon to-morrow is:—east winds, fresh to moderate; overcast at first, improving later.

At 11.55 a.m. the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased moderately over E. China and slightly over the Philippines. It is nearly stationary over S. China. Gradients over China and the China Sea are shallow.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.88; temperature 75; humidity 89; wind E, force 5.

The driver of a motor car owned by a Chinese contractor in Kowloon was involved in an accident while driving on the Castle Peak Road yesterday. A villager attempted to cross the road in front of the car and was knocked down. The man was taken to the Kowloon Hospital with a fractured leg.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 5/16.

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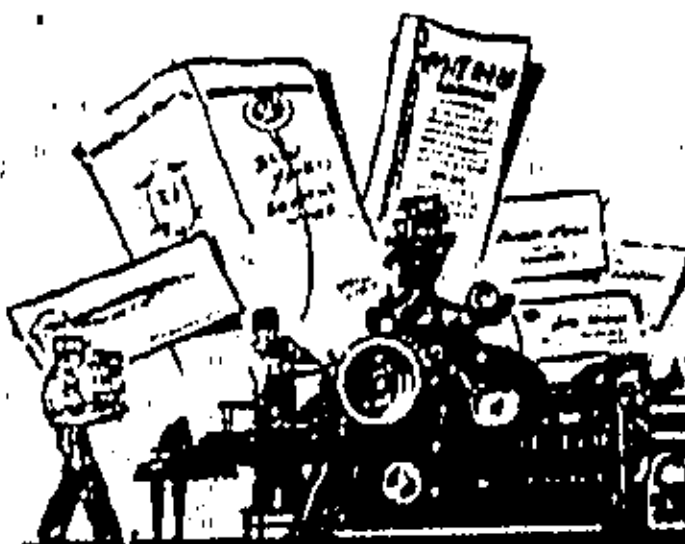
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## NOTICES.

### HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Pavilion on FRIDAY, the 15th OCTOBER, 1926 at 5.30 p.m.

A N D

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON FRIDAY THE 15th day of OCTOBER, 1926, immediately after the holding of the GENERAL MEETING, a drawing for the redemption of One hundred (100) Debentures will be held.

The numbers of the Debentures drawn will be published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette, and the local Newspapers, and holders of drawn Debentures may, upon giving notice to the Treasurer, Messrs. PERCY SMITH, SEETH & FLEMING, for payment of the principal and interest to the 31st OCTOBER, 1926 to the Treasurer, Messrs. PERCY SMITH, SEETH & FLEMING, for payment of the principal and interest to the 31st OCTOBER, 1926.

By Order of the Committee, J. D. HUMPHREYS, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong, 1st October 1926.

## NOTICE.

### THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on the 23rd day of October, 1926, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution, the substance of which is—

- "That the nominal sterling capital of the Company as existing at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a special Resolution be converted into Hong Kong currency at such rate of exchange as may be determined by the Board, and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the Hong Kong equivalent of such sterling capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of \$10,000,000 Hong Kong currency, divided into 2,750,000 shares of \$40 each."
- "That each of the issued sterling shares of the Company of the nominal value of £5 each, upon each of which the sum of £5 has been paid, be converted into one share of the nominal value of \$40 Hong Kong currency, at such rates of exchange as may be resolved upon and determined by the Board, and accordingly that 216,666 shares out of the 275,000 shares of the nominal value of \$40 each, constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased may be distributed by the Board to the shareholders of the Company at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a Special Resolution in exchange for the sterling shares then held by them."
- "That the Articles of Association be altered by deleting Article 184 and substituting therefor the following article:—

184. "A dividend, instalment of dividend, or interest payable in cash by the Company to a shareholder in respect of a share, may be paid by posting a cheque, order or warrant for the amount in a 'cover directed to the shareholder' at his registered address, or by 'payment of a cheque or granting of an order or warrant on production of the dividend book' issued by the Company in respect of such share. Every such warrant shall be made payable at the 'Company's Head Office or other appointed place of payment. The 'Company' shall be discharged from 'liability for the sum expressed in any warrant by payment according to any order for payment or endorsement thereon, purporting to be made by the payee therein named, or by any other person on his behalf, and no person shall be entitled to payment of any 'dividend, instalment or dividend bonus, or interest for which a warrant shall have been so posted, or for which payment shall have been made by a cheque or warrant, or production of the dividend book as aforesaid, except upon presentation of the warrant.'"

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY given that should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 10th day of November, 1926, at the same time and place.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG-SHAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th October, 1926.

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## NOTICES.

### FANLING HUNT RACES.

Saturday, October 30th, 1926.

ENTRIES for the STEEPLECHASE MEETING at Kwant Race Course, Fanling, close on SATURDAY, October 16th to Mr. A. H. POTTS, c/o Benjamin & Poits, from whom entry forms may be obtained. Hong Kong, 5th October, 1926.

### THE FIFTH ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS

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Mr. J. W. Franks.

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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1926.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1925 1926

Tytam ..... 31.6 B. Level

Tytam Byewash ..... 19.5 B. Do.

Tytam Intermediate ..... 1.8 A. Do.

Tytam Tuk ..... 1.10 B. Do.

Wong Nei Chung ..... 14.8 B. Do.

Pokfulum ..... 14.2 B. Do.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A. denotes "Above Overflow". Figures are not in feet and decimals, but in feet and inches.]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1925 1926

Tytam ..... 171.06 384.80

Tytam Byewash ..... 3.08 22.37

Tytam Intermediate ..... 206.48 195.00

Tytam Tuk ..... 1,372.16 1,419.09

Wong Nei Chung ..... 14.04 30.34

Pokfulum ..... 36.66 68.00

Total ..... 1,801.43 2,118.41

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

1925 1926

Consumption ..... 255.53 263.24

Estimated Population 894,720 405,040

per day (gallons) ..... 21.5 22.0

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during September 1925 and 1926.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to September 30, 1925, 83.10; September 30, 1926, 92.00.

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

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Consumption ..... 73.30 81.78

Estimated population 151,840 156,880

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## ARMS CHARGE.

THREE YEARS FOR CARRYING A DAGGER.

### KOWLOON CASE.

With Mr. J. H. B. Nihill and Major C. Willson sitting together at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with unlawful possession of a dagger. A further charge of possession of two pieces of wire and a piece of wood, fit for an unlawful purpose, was withdrawn after the hearing of evidence.

In answer to the charges, defendant said that the dagger was given to him by a friend and the other articles had apparently been put into his pocket while he was asleep.

Evidence was given that defendant's movements aroused the suspicions of a Chinese constable. On a search being made the dagger was found concealed in the girdle and the wire round the waist. As soon as the articles were discovered, two other men, who were with the defendant awaiting their turn to be searched, got away.

Defendant was sentenced to three years' hard labour on the charge of possession of the dagger.

## RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT WITH CHINESE.

Peking, October 8.—The French Legation in a communiqué issued this evening announces the appointment of M. Benoit as Judicial Liquidator of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, with the usual full powers under French law.

The communiqué goes on to say that "the French Government, informed of the appointment by the Chinese Government of two liquidators who will take in China measures subsequent to the closing of the Bank, is at present communicating with the Chinese Government with a view to devising means of exchanging all necessary information and having both liquidations operated to the best mutual advantage of interests involved in France and China."—Reuter.

Peking, October 10.—In view of the fact that almost all the branch offices of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in China are located in foreign concessions, the Waichiaopu, fearing that books and documents of the Bank might be lost or destroyed, has asked the Diplomatic Corps to keep watch over those branches.—"Toho."

## THE TELEGRAPHS.

ALL DUES TO FOREIGN COMPANIES NOW BEING PAID.

Shanghai, October 9.—The three foreign cable companies, the Great Northern, the Eastern Extension and the Commercial Pacific, referring to the statement issued on September 30 in regard to the companies' refusal to accept from the Chinese Telegraph Administration telegrams, other than Government telegrams, unless accompanied by cash, have issued another statement to the following effect:—

"That the Chinese Telegraph Administration are now settling daily their accounts with the Companies for all telegrams handed over at Shanghai, that all delayed telegrams were handed over by the Administration on October 2 and duly forwarded by the Companies to their destination, and that since that date telegrams from all inland places have been transmitted as usual."—Reuter.



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## BIG OPIUM CASE.

ALLEGED DEALS BY A CHINESE.

### TWO CHARGES WITHDRAWN.

The case in which a Chinese is alleged to be implicated in a big opium deal amounting to about a million rupees reached a further stage before Mr. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday when two out of three charges against the man were dropped.

The first charge was that the defendant being an employee of various Chinese firms doing business at No. 108, Des Voeux Road Central took part in procuring raw opium from Persia.

A second charge was one of purchasing half a chest of opium for his own account for \$550, being part of a consignment by the s.s. "Philadelphia" without a licence, and with selling it for \$1,825.

A further charge was one of procuring opium, he being an employee of the Kwong Hing Leung firm.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defence, again raised objections to various documents being put in without their connection with the defendant being detailed.

Opening the case, Mr. J. D. Lloyd (Superintendent of Imports and Exports) said that the Kwong Hing Leung firm were the managing agents of the s.s. "Philadelphia," bought by the Yue Hing firm, but both the firms were the same. The defendant was an employee of the Kwong Hing Leung and there were entries in the books of wages paid by the two firms. The documents did not show in what capacity he was employed, but he was in possession of the keys of the safe when the raid took place.

It was alleged that the firm collected money for the two opium deals and helped in the disposal of the drug for another concern in Macao.

The first venture started in September, 1925, soon after the charter of the steamer by the Yue Hing firm. Remittances of \$421,479 and \$13,986 were made through a Chinese bank to Bombay, but there was nothing to show what these were for. They were made under a heading which Mr. Lloyd supposed to mean "The Syndicate." He also detailed various sums of money paid to the master and crew from which he concluded that the payments were made before the vessel left for sea.

The movements of the vessel which left Bushire with opium consigned to Vladivostok and her subsequent return from Keelung and Macao were detailed by Mr. Lloyd. Reference was also made to the use of a wrong wireless call in messages to Macao, but this was ruled out as irrelevant to the case. The opium was shipped by Bebi Hani, the largest opium merchant in Bushire.

Mr. Lindsell held that there was no evidence to support the first and third charges, which were withdrawn.

The case was adjourned until next Monday.

## "LA BOHEME."

### MASTERLY PERFORMANCE YESTERDAY.

Yesterday's performance by the Italian Opera Company of "La Boheme" was notable for the masterly fashion in which the principals caught the spirit of the four scenes and reflected it in their rendering of the score.

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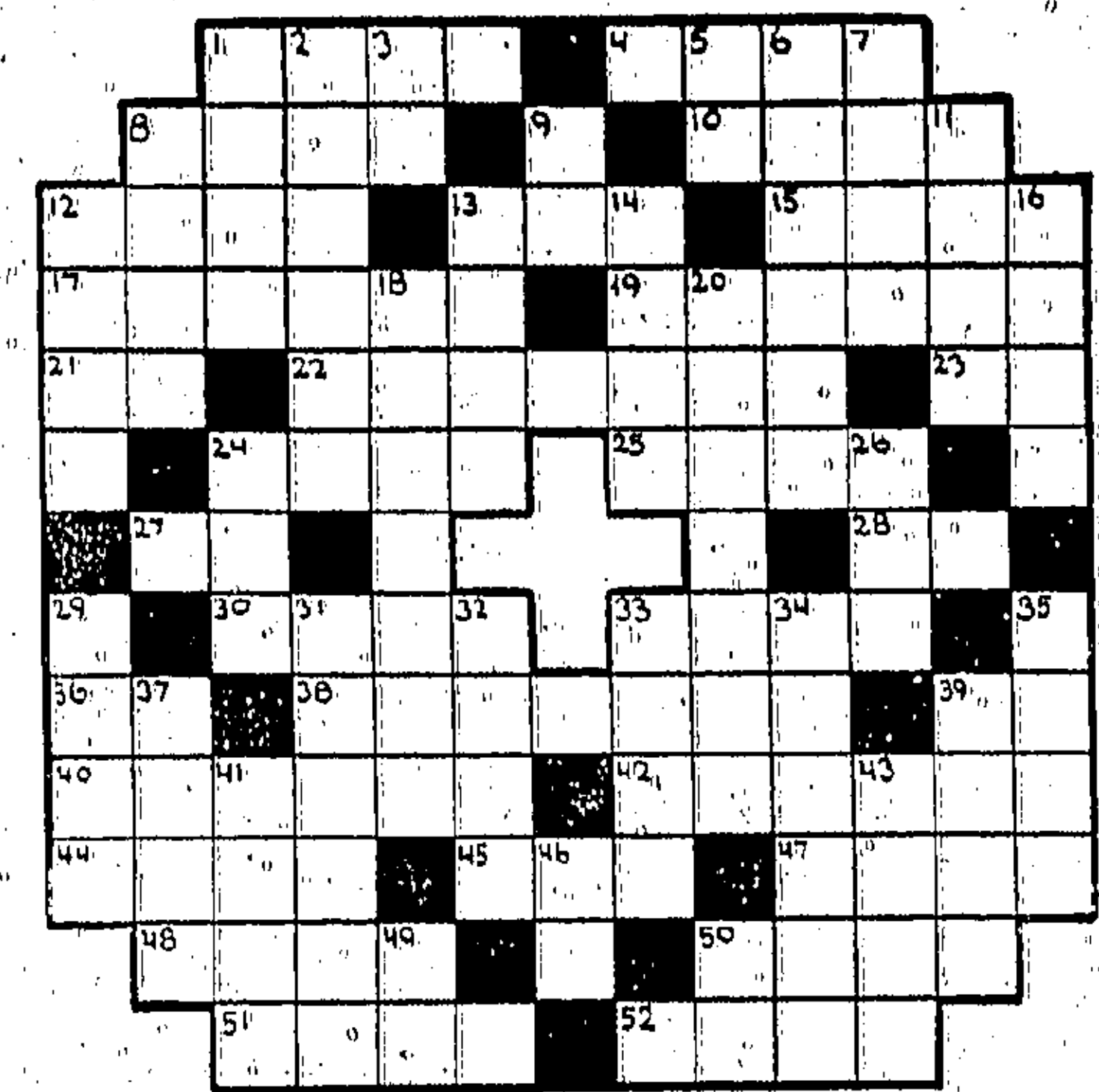
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## OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-To let a liquid escape accidentally

4-A defensive work

8-To let

10-House top

12-Decayed

13-Having little height

15-Cutlass-like weapon

17-Waste matter

19-Jogged along

21-Whether

22-Umine

23-Perform

24-Proceeded

26-To mend

27-Nay

28-Exclamation

30-Imprecation

33-Hasty

36-Exists

38-A tonils foursome

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

30-Thus

40-A watering-place

42-Come forth

44-To rend

46-To weep

47-Bow-like curve

48-Regimen

50-Positive command

51-A globe of liquid

52-To move on wheels

VERTICAL

1-Part of a tree

2-To last

3-By

5-Conjunction

6-Buglar

7-Implement

8-Ridge



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SEATTLE MARU ... Monday, 25th October.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOHMO MARU ... End of October.

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HOZAN MARU ... Saturday, 16th October Noon.

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KOTSU MARU ... Wednesday, 20th October, 8 a.m.

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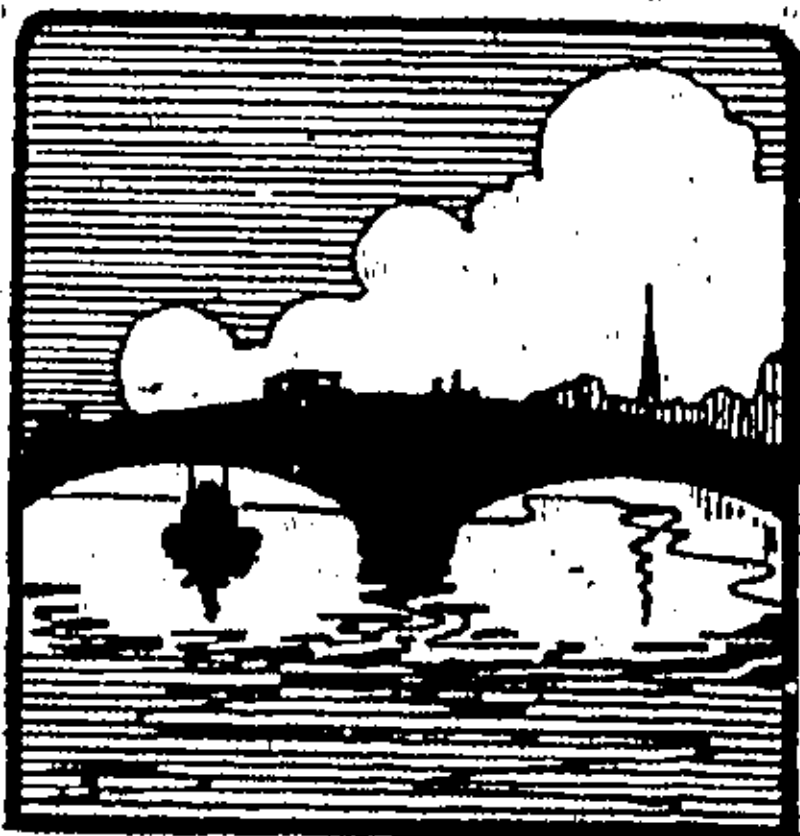
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## SHIPPING SECTION.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INFORMATION.

Two P. & O. steamers arrived this morning from different ports. The s.s. "Mantua" has a long list of passengers, including 113 first-class, 700 tons and 342 bags of mail for discharge here. The "Mantua" came from London and will sail for Japan via Shanghai this afternoon. The "Morea," coming from Japan and Shanghai, has 53 first-class passengers and brought 15 tons of cargo for discharge here. She will sail for London to-morrow at noon.

Two steamers are scheduled to sail for Manila. The Dollar liner "President Lincoln" (from San Francisco) leaves to-day at 3 p.m. The s.s. "Changte" of the Eastern and Australian Line, en route to Australia, leaves to-morrow at noon.

From London, Antwerp, Rotterdam via Singapore, the Glen Line steamer "Carmarthenshire" arrived at daylight to-day and brought 533 tons of general cargo and 4 first-class passengers. She is scheduled to sail to-day at 4 p.m. for Shanghai.

Stormy weather was experienced by the Japanese steamer "Kojun Maru" on her way from Dairen to Hong Kong. She arrived yesterday afternoon and brought 1,000 tons of coal for discharge here.

With 250 steerage passengers, 32 bags of mail and 200 tons of coal from Keelung and Swatow, the s.s. "Kaijo Maru" of the O.S.K. arrived this morning.

From Australia and Manila, the Japanese steamer "Mishima Maru" is expected to arrive this afternoon with passengers, cargo and mail for Hong Kong. She will sail for Japan to-morrow at noon.

The s.s. "Luchow" of the China Navigation Co. arrived yesterday afternoon from Shanghai and Amoy and brought 167 tons of cargo, 51 first-class passengers. She will sail for Shanghai on Sunday morning.

The French liner "Porthos" of the Messageries Maritimes arrived this morning from Marseilles via Saigon with passengers, cargo and mail for Hong Kong. The "Porthos" is scheduled to sail for Japan via Shanghai this afternoon.

The s.s. "Namsang" of the Indo-China S.N. Co. had a very unpleasant voyage all the way from Singapore to Hong Kong. During her voyage it was continuously raining and the sea was always high. She brought 1,095 tons of cargo, 64 bags of mail and 34 bags of Naval mail. She will sail for Japan via Shanghai on Sunday morning.

## STOWAWAY CASE.

A Chinese stowaway was found on the "Mantua" coming from Singapore three days after she left that port. He was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and after pleading guilty was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

## LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—  
Mantua (5889) Bri. from London and Singapore; M.M. & Co.  
Morea (5975) Bri. from Yokohama and Shanghai; M.M. & Co.  
Luchow (1992) Bri. from Shanghai and Amoy; B. & S.  
Nam Sang (2591) Bri. from Calcutta and Singapore; J.M. & Co.  
Carmarthenshire (4969) Bri. from Rotterdam and Singapore; Glen Line Ltd.  
Kojun Maru (1305) Jap. from Dairen; M.B.K.  
Kaijo Maru (1126) Jap. from Keelung and Swatow; O.S.K.  
Kanagawa Maru (8669) Japanese; Moji and Kobe; N.Y.K.  
Departures.  
For Manila: West Nomentum.  
For Shanghai: City of Baroda, Foehsing, Antenor.  
For Singapore: Tjikini.  
For Haiphong: Kwangsi.  
For Saigon: Les Fils de Paul Doumer.  
For Canton: Sinkiang.  
Clearances.  
For Haiphong: New Nathilde.  
For Kwong-chow-wan: Song Bo, Poo Sang.  
For Shanghai: Perthos: City of Tokio.  
For Manila: President Lincoln.  
For Amoy: Hong Peng.

## DUTCH SHIPPING RESULTS.

The directors of the Nederlandse Maatschappij voor Scheepvaart Handel & Nijverheid, of Rotterdam, announce that the results of the subsidiary companies preclude the payment of any distribution to the parent concern. After setting aside 5 per cent. for depreciation of the steamers, and providing for doubtful debts, the accounts of the N. V. Furness Shipping & Agency Company show a profit balance of 156,473 fl. which sum has been used to reduce the debit balance of former years. A satisfactory profit was disclosed by the Rotterdamse Stuwadoor Mij. for the past financial year, but the Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Bruinkolenvelden "Carisborg" incurred a loss. Including 577,335 fl. brought in, the profit of the Handel Maatschappij R. S. Stokvis and Zonen for 1925 amounted to 960,648 fl. No distribution is proposed, but 800,000 fl. has been set aside for depreciation, and the balance of 660,648 fl. carried forward.

## SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port—

British	31
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	2
German	2
Japanese	7
Chinese	13
Dutch	4
Portuguese	3
French	1
Italian	1
No flag	1
Total	67

Hong Kong's quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Mar. 3
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
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### WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

In the absence, at the moment of writing, of the complete Estimates for 1927 and of the Governor's speech thereon, it is naturally quite impossible to deal in any but a superficial manner with only one phase of the Colony's finances.

Advance details show that the expenditure for the next year is estimated at \$17,741,543, as compared with \$18,767,777 for 1926 and \$25,278,133 for 1925; but it would be futile to comment on this at any length until the Estimates of revenue are also before us.

It is noticeable, however, that increased expenditure has been provided for the Harbour Master's Department (\$737,146 against \$642,919 in 1926), the Fire Brigade (\$230,799 against \$179,877), the Police Force (\$1,826,592 against \$1,747,965), the Education Department (\$1,163,943 against \$926,605), with lesser increases in other Departments. In the Harbour Master's Department it is found from a useful abstract issued by the Government—that whilst there are decreases amounting to \$13,667 as compared with last year there are increases absorbing \$61,864. Of the latter sum over half—namely, \$26,965—is assignable to new posts, an item, by the way, that occurs very frequently under the heading of increases in expenditure.

For the Fire Brigade, the item "Rent of Stations \$16,500" does not appear in the 1927 Estimates, and other decreases total \$2,946. Under increases, however, it is gratifying to find that, out of a total of \$41,668 for personal emoluments, no less than \$36,678 is allocated to "new posts"—an indication that the Government intends to tackle in earnest the question of increasing the European personnel as the outcome of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels fire and the subsequent report on the working of the Fire Brigade.

The Police Force is responsible for a net increase of \$69,737 in expenditure. As against a decrease of \$31,641 under "abolition of posts" there is an increase

shown of \$55,166 for "new posts." Again, "Other Charges" show a decrease on last year of \$13,284 but an increase of \$46,640 on the opposite side of the ledger, the latter including an increase of \$24,600 for Indian Police rations and \$8,000 for Secret Service.

The expenditure of the Medical Department shows an increase of \$53,837 for "new posts" alone, whilst the net increase under "Other Charges" is no less than \$30,610, the biggest item being \$13,000 for "provisions for patients." An X-ray plant is to cost \$5,000. This Department shows a total net decrease in expenditure of \$93,022.

In view of the continuous clamour for a substantial augmentation of the European personnel in the Sanitary Department, it may be noted that the provision made for "new posts" is only \$12,385—practically \$1,000 a month. Thus, it may be concluded, all the representations for a Sanitary staff commensurate with the growing needs of the Colony have fallen on deaf ears once again. Two motor refuse lorries are to be purchased at a cost of \$10,500.

"New posts" in the Education Department are to absorb no less than \$91,667 (as against a decrease of \$30,120 under "abolition of posts.") That net sum of \$60,000 should do something to strengthen the personnel of the Department. That a revival in education is anticipated, so far as numbers of pupils attending school, are concerned, is shown by the fact that an increased expenditure of \$16,560 has been set down for "capitation grants."

That great spending Department—Public Works—has been allocated \$3,032,681 for 1927, this including, of course, the cost of running the re-absorbed Port Development Department. Ordinary expenditure shows a net decrease of \$41,532; public works, recurrent, a net increase of \$340,700; and public works, extraordinary, a net decrease of \$1,887,236.

Reference has been made to only a few of the most prominent items in the expenditure estimated for next year; but, of course, the Finance Committee will have the usual task during the ensuing twelve months of passing additional votes, the exact amount of which can be predicted by no man—not even an astrologer.

### SOVIET SECRET SESSION IN FOUNDRY.

Moscow, October 4.—Zinovieff, Trotsky and Radek, soviet opposition chiefs, had a secret and clandestine session to-day in an aeroplane foundry. They went to the place in a closed car, garbed as workmen. They talked to the workers and, it is believed, won the men over to some programme of uprising. The news of the session leaked out and high officials said that the action of the opposition leaders was a breach of party etiquette and should meet with drastic reproof. None of the leaders in the incident would admit that the meeting had any sinister motive or character and said that the visit was only to ascertain whether the workers were receiving proper treatment.

### FINANCE VOTES.

#### BEFORE TO-DAY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, several financial votes will come up for consideration. Amongst these are the following:—

A sum of \$3,410 as gratuity to the widow of Sub-Inspector Dorrington. It is explained that in view of the fact that Sub-Inspector C. M. Dorrington died very suddenly, at the age of 38 leaving a widow and one small child four years old, it is recommended that a charitable grant might appropriately be made for the benefit of his widow.

Shek O Road. A sum of \$6,200 is to be asked for improvements to roads and bridges outside the city. It is explained that the amount voted for 1926 was \$7,000, against a required sum of \$13,200. As to the reasons for the excess, it is considered necessary to treat with two coats of asphalt at a total cost of \$6,200 that section of Shek O Road where it leaves the high level road at the junction of the Path to Cape D'Aguilar until it meets the low level road. This method of water-proofing the surfacing should prevent a repetition of the serious damage done to this section of the road by the heavy rains of July 19.

Railway Carriages. There is a big vote of \$211,010 for special expenditure in connection with the railway. It is explained that this sum is required to meet part cost of six new steel carriages, supplied through the Crown Agents. A sum of \$338,000 was provided in the 1925 Estimates, and it was anticipated when the 1926 Estimates were framed that all payments in England would be made before December 31, 1925. The sum of \$10,000 only for cost of assembly and erection was, therefore, inserted in the 1926 Estimates. Owing, however, to delay in delivery only part of the purchase money was paid in 1925, and the balance \$221,010 falls due for payment in 1926, being a revote of money originally provided in 1925.

There is another vote for \$300 for repair of typhoon damage on the railway.

Resumptions. On a vote of \$50,000, a supplementary vote of \$190,000 is asked for compensations and resumptions. It is stated that the amount provided in the estimates was a tentative sum, it being understood that supplementary votes would be taken, if and as required. The additional amount requested is to cover the cost of the compensation and resumptions detailed in a list accompanying the vote. In many cases, expenditure was contingent on other parties taking action to carry out their obligations under agreements entered into with Government, and when the 1926 estimates were being framed, it could not have been foreseen, with any degree of certainty, when money would actually be required by Government.

### UNDER CHINA TRADE ACT.

Tientsin, October 1.—The old established firm of E. W. Frazar and Company has taken advantage of the opportunity of incorporating their business in North-China under the provisions of the China Trade Act.

The incorporation takes effect from to-day, and the new Corporation will be known by the name of Frazar, Federal Inc., U.S.A.

Officers of the Corporation are President, F. F. Spielman, Vice-President, E. W. Frazar, Secretary and Treasurer, G. C. Magagnan. No change will be made in the policies or personnel of the firm.

### BITTER AGAINST INTEREST RATE.

Tokyo, October 7.—Virtually all newspapers and financiers condemned the rate of interest on the loan of 6,600,000 pounds sterling made in London, declaring that the rate is little better than "the national humiliation loan" which was floated after the great earthquake. They declared that the terms are similar to those exacted from small South American states. It is understood Commissioner Mori hopes to float a \$20,000,000 Tokyo reconstruction loan in New York and also a Yokohama loan.

### COMFORT FOR THE AGED.

OLD people are easily tired out and weakened by coughing. For them there is much comfort in a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It stops those weakening coughs that keep them awake nights and wear out their strength. Every one knows it contains no narcotics. More bottles of it are used each year than of any similar cough medicine. Sold everywhere.

### M. CLEMENCEAU.

#### "I DID THE RIGHT THING."

Paris.—Since M. Clemenceau wrote his remarkable open letter to President Coolidge on the subject of the French debt to America he has refrained from making any reply to the criticism it aroused, but he has now let fall a hint that he may answer his critics and advance new arguments in a second letter. A party of friends, M. Emile Buré (editor of the "Avenir"), M. Fernand Neuray (editor of "La Nation Belge"), M. Maurice Schwebel (editor of the "Phare de la Loire"), and M. Jacques Ebstein, found him in an unusually communicative mood when they visited him in his Vendéan home, as is shown by an account of the visit published by M. Ebstein in the "Avenir." When asked if he were pleased with himself, no direct allusion having been made to his famous letter, M. Clemenceau smiled, and with a mischievous wink said:

Yes, I am pleased enough. I think I did the right thing. It was the right moment. I have received mountains of letters from all countries in the world, signed by illustrious people and others quite unknown—some not even signed at all. The letters were from women, young men, old men, business men, industrialists, intellectuals, and even priests. I had an enormous number of letters from Americans, including members of the American Legion who fought for us under our flag. I expected to be terribly scolded by the Americans. But no. Not at all. And Borah! Now I cannot get over my surprise about him. Did he not make a declaration about the annulment of the debts? Borah, the fierce Borah, the super-American, Borah? No. I cannot get over it. Now, you know, I did not want to do anything. I am near the end of my life, and I wanted only rest and quietude and solitude. But then I received an anonymous letter which troubled me. The writer said, "You will allow this thing to be done; you will bear the responsibility for it into your tomb?" This anonymous voice moved me. I wrote my letter and left it open on my desk for twenty-four hours. Then I sent for M. Hirsch, of the Havas Agency. We talked for a while about what was happening in Paris. I decided then and gave Hirsch my letter.

Only one American has written to reproach me for my comparison with Brest-Litovsk. (Here M. Clemenceau gave another knowing wink.) I did it purposely. It was perhaps this which shocked them most. Oh! It went very well. I do not think ratification will be possible now. And besides this first letter....

At this point M. Clemenceau's interlocutor interrupted to ask whether his use of the word "first" meant that there was to be a second letter.

"Perhaps," replied the "Tiger." "I do not quite know, but I cannot say that I am not going to write another. I still have something to say; I have not finished yet. It is always a good idea to keep a cartridge in the magazine. Anyhow, we shall see."

An effort was then made to get M. Clemenceau to talk politics, but he was not to be drawn.

"What!" he cried, "Would you have me march in a group and be accused of political ambitions or of seeking to become a Minister of Agriculture? No, nothing, nothing. I am stronger being nothing."

But not a word more would M. Clemenceau say about either his letter to President Coolidge or the possibility of his writing a second. His sly winks and his hint must be taken as sufficient for the time being.

### JAPANESE FLIERS.

#### TRIAL FLIGHT FROM OSAKA TO SHANGHAI.

##### SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

Shanghai, October 8.—Yesterday evening, a reception was given at the Japanese Club by the Japanese community in honour of the four aviators who successfully accomplished their Mokpo-Shanghai flight. Mr. S. Yada, Japanese Consul-General, representing those who were present, delivered a speech in the course of which he stated that: "With no tittle service in operation, Japanese aeronautics seem still to be in infancy as compared with those of foreign countries. However, in recent years, encouraged by Government authorities, the aerial world of Japan has made remarkable progress with many able officials as well as civil aviators appearing one after another. This work is important, and it should be developed by the Government in co-operation with private companies." The Japan Aviation Company of Kobe, with a view to establishing an aerial route between Japan and Shanghai in the near future, made their airplanes venture a test flight between Mokpo and this city. It is the only company to take the initiative in carrying out the scheme. Needless to say this company is making a great contribution towards aviation in Japan. It is to be hoped that as the leader of the other Japanese companies, it will make every effort to bring Japanese aviation to a high level and on a par with that of foreign countries. Following Mr. Yada's speech, an address of thanks was made by Mr. S. Bando, Director of the Japan Aviation Company, who said that the company was started by Mr. S. Kawanishi, millionaire of Kobe, who expended his funds amounting to Yen 1,500,000 or more in order to contribute to Japan's progress. The flight to Shanghai from Osaka was simply a trial one, which fortunately was successful. Within 10 years' time, would it bring a regular mail and passenger air service between Japan and Shanghai, operated by the company's machines, concluded Mr. Bando.

The two aeroplanes are to leave for Japan to-morrow morning, weather permitting.

### CROMWELL RELIC.

#### TAKEN FROM THE LONDON MUSEUM.

A watch which bears an inscription recording that it was once the property of Oliver Cromwell was stolen recently from a showcase in the London Museum, Cleveland-row. In order to reach the relic the thief broke the padlock of the case. The official description of the exhibit is: "Oliver Cromwell's watch, made by R. I. Barnes, at Worcester, formerly the property of the Prince Regent, George IV. On dial in silver (only one hand) view of the spires of Worcester Cathedral and two rabbits browsing. The watch is in-going order, except for the catgut, which has perished. Enclosed in a modern silver case inscribed as follows: 'The gift of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, June 24, 1816, to Barnard Attenborough from Zurich,' and on the inside, 'This watch originally belonged to Oliver Cromwell. The whole enclosed in a morocco case.'"

### PEKING-MUKDEN RAILWAY.

A false impression may have been created by certain statements in Chinese news agency despatches and in the papers in connection with the alleged "dismissal" of a considerable number of foreign employees on the Peking-Mukden Railway. It is true that some of the supernumeraries, most of them without agreements, have been informed that they are no longer needed, and that one or two others whose contracts are due to expire shortly have been told that they will not be renewed. But not all who are leaving the service of the Railway are doing so in such circumstances. Some of the foreign staff have resigned voluntarily, being convinced that things being as they are in China, they can do better for themselves elsewhere, and one or two of the senior men are retiring in the normal course of events.

### HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

DILUTED with a little sweetened water, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is easy to take and almost instantly cures sudden and intense stomach pains, cramps and intestinal disorders. A mother is perfectly safe in giving it for those stomach aches so inseparable from childhood. Sold and recommended everywhere.



## OXFORD RESIGNS.

LEADERSHIP OF LIBERAL PARTY.

DECISION IRREVOCABLE.

London, Oct. 14.  
Lord Oxford has resigned his leadership of the Liberal Party.—Reuter.

Old Quarrel Revived.

London, Later.  
Lord Oxford's resignation is announced in the course of a letter to Mr. J. A. Spender, President of the National Liberal Federation, which obliquely refers to the disagreement between Lord Oxford and Mr. Lloyd-George during the general strike when he says he was distressed and surprised to find that his public declarations encountered a challenge from a quarter which made it impossible for him to disregard coupled with a refusal to meet him in Council.

Lord Oxford emphasises his efforts to preserve party unity, but he is satisfied that it cannot be effectively maintained under a system of rival authorities with separate organisations and separate funds.

He alludes to the lifetime devoted to liberal principles, from which he will never swerve. Moreover, he does not contemplate retirement from public life, but his decision to lay down the leadership is irrevocable.—Reuter.

## PAPER DEAL.

"NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW" SOLD.

New York, Oct. 14.  
Mr. George Harvey, ex-Ambassador in London, has sold the "North American Review," of which he has been Editor for 28 years, to Mr. Walter Mahony, Reuter's American Service.

## DRUG TRAFFIC.

HOLLAND RATIFIES TWO CONVENTIONS.

The Hague, Oct. 14.  
The Second Chamber of the States-General has passed a Bill ratifying the conventions of February 1, 1925, and February 19, 1925, relating to the use of prepared opium and the manufacture of and trade in narcotics.—Reuter.

## UPPER CLASSES.

GLOOMY REFLECTIONS BY LEADING OSAKA NEWSPAPER.

Osaka, October 9.—To-day's leading article of the Osaka "Mainichi" entitled "The Degeneration of the Leading Classes," voices a widespread sentiment amongst the people against statesmen, politicians, officials, high officers of the Army and Navy, and leaders in other walks of life.

The paper gives recent instances illustrating how they are supposed to be losing the confidence of the masses by allegedly dishonest, underhand and cowardly acts. The "Mainichi" points out the recent municipal assembly elections in Hokkaido and welcomes the rise of Labour as injecting a pure, fresh spirit into the life of the nation, but expresses a fear that the "degeneration" of the present ruling classes will result in unbalancing the equilibrium of society.

## HOME MAILS.

Delayed for one day by bad weather, the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua" arrived this morning with the Home mails. The letter and paper mail (London, September 18) amounted to 350 bags. London parcels posted a week previous to that date made up 146 bags.

Among other mails received were the following:—"Morea" from Shanghai, 142 bags; "Portico" from Saigon, 29 bags; "Namsang" from Calcutta, 64 bags.

Mails from Australia and Manila are due to-day per s.s. "Mishima Maru," but no news of her arrival time had been received. The s.s. "Takada" is another vessel due with Straits mail.

## EIGHT WOMEN ARRESTED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

Mexico City, October 7.—The federal authorities arrested nine Catholics, eight of whom were women, charged with attempting to foment a revolution against the Calles regime. All were imprisoned and will be held for trial.

The government has scattered its agents throughout the country and even into remote districts, for the purpose of observing and reporting any activity designed to overthrow the government. Secret service agents are centering their attention on leading Catholics in each community but with rare exceptions they have been unable to find any substantial evidence of revolutionary unrest among adherents of the church.—United Press.

## BENGAL GOVERNOR.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F. S. JACKSON.

SUCCEEDS LORD LYTTON.

Rugby, Oct. 14.  
His Majesty the King has approved of the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel F. S. Jackson to be Governor of the Presidency of Bengal in succession to the Earl of Lytton, whose tenure of office will expire next March.

Lieut.-Colonel Jackson has been Chairman of the Conservative Party organisation since 1923. He is, of course, the well-known cricketer.—British Wireless Service.

## VISCOUNT BYNG.

NEW HONOUR CONFERRED BY KING.

Rugby, Oct. 14.  
His Majesty the King has approved of the dignity of viscountcy being conferred upon Lord Byng, who has recently retired from the office of Governor-General of Canada.—British Wireless Service.

## U. S. DIRIGIBLE.

FIRST BIG OVERLAND FLIGHT.

Lakehurst, Oct. 14.  
The last remaining naval dirigible "Los Angeles," has left for Detroit on its first big overland flight since the "Shenandoah" met its fate on the same journey.—Reuter's American Service.

## LOAN TO BULGARIA.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY.

Although the Bank of England has agreed to advance to the Bulgarian Government, subject to adequate security being given by the latter, £400,000 on account of the proposed Bulgarian loan of £1,250,000, the Bank has stipulated that this transaction must first be approved by the League Council. Now, the League has already laid it down that Bulgaria, before she is authorised to raise this loan, must first reach full agreement with the foreign holders of Bulgarian stock. So far only a partial agreement between Sofia and the bondholders has been recorded. Moreover, the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas has a priority claim for the repayment of 75,000,000 francs lent by it to the Bulgarian Government on condition that amount was reimbursed out of the first external loan contracted by the Sofia Government. Last, but not least, should Germany join the League Council her delegate may demur to the assignment to the service of the proposed new Bulgarian loan of revenues or other assets previously earmarked as security for the loans made at an earlier date to Bulgaria by a German banking group, which included the Disconto-Gesellschaft.

In brief, certain difficulties still remain to be overcome, even apart from the criticism by Serbia, Roumania, and Greece, of the raising of the nominal value of the loan from the modest £400,000 originally requested by Bulgaria herself to the much higher figure of £1,250,000. The Governments of the States in question regard the estimate of the refugees given by the Special Commission, M. Chapiro, as being in excess of their own statistics on the subject.

Par more pertinent, however, would be inquiries by the League Council for the purpose of discovering whether or no, in order to obtain the general assent of the Powers for the increased amount, the Bulgarian Government has at any time since the negotiations given or pledged itself to give monopolies or similar mortgages to certain national or international interests. Complaints and charges under this head are curiously widespread, and it would be well if Geneva could refute them authoritatively once and for all.

## EX-MILLIONAIRE'S SUICIDE.

Prague, September 30.—Alois Herenden was a millionaire when the world war began. He wore clothes from the most exclusive tailor. He had many motor cars, a chateau in the country, an elaborate town house. Then came reverses. His business was ruined by the war. His 17-year-old son was killed in battle. Disheartened he went down and down. A year after the war, in rage, he begged alms in front of the clubs and hotels to which he had formerly driven in his expensive cars. He never had the courage to try to rebuild his shattered fortune. To-day they found him dead in his little hotel. His throat was slashed. The knife was in his cold, dead hand. Nearby was the body of his wife and his younger son. He had killed them all to take them from the misery of poverty.

## CANTONESE SPY?

AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR ARRESTED.

WAR SIDELIGHT.

Shanghai, Oct. 9.  
The arrest of Professor Joseph Hall, internationally known writer and lecturer on Pacific relations under the pen name of Upton Close, by agents of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang on the charge of being a Cantonese spy, his immediate release with apologies and the apparently authenticated report of an agreement between General Sun and the Cantonese leaders are the outstanding developments of the last 24 hours in China's kaleidoscopic civil war.

Taken from Train.

Professor Hall, who is a member of the faculty of the University of Washington, was taken from a train at Suchow and held three days by troops belonging to the army of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. He was taken to Nanking yesterday where his American passport and other documents were examined.

He was released on the personal signature of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and arrived here this morning. He said that he had suffered no abuse, but on the contrary, had been treated with courtesy. He believed that he owed his release largely to the fact that he had, once been secretary to Wu Pei-fu.

He reported that he had listened in on the military wireless at Nanking and gained important information. He understands that an agreement has been reached between Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chan Kai-shek, commander of the Cantonese, whereby the latter will retain control of Hunan province. In return, the southern general agrees not to interfere, if Marshal Sun launches a drive into Shanghai.

Sees Shantung Drive.  
Professor Hall, or "Upton Close" as he is known, predicts that the next important development in Chinese military operations will be a successful drive against Shantung by Marshal Sun. He says that troops are being concentrated in Peking to oppose this move, which amounts to an effort to extend the "Shanghai military area."

He says that Marshal Wu Pei-fu has been completely ruined and is now virtually nothing but one of Marshal Sun's lieutenants.—"United Press."

## SHARKS.

NOT SO BAD AS HE IS PAINTED.

Some excitement has been roused among swimmers and seaside people by the report that a shoal of sharks has lately been encountered on our coast, says a Naturalist in the "Daily Mail."

But there is little need for alarm. The big hungry shark of the tropics that follows the ship, and the fantastic terror of the novelists that always puts up a dark triangular fin at critical moments in marine adventure, are not very likely to infest our own bathing coasts or prove a serious menace during the morning dip.

The general idea of the shark is a voracious monster that lurks ever in wait for prey and has a habit of turning on his back in order to get a good mouthful of any dangling leg, which he will bite off as cleanly as though cut with a knife. I have read of a man being bitten in half by one of these "tigers of the sea."

The actual cold scientific facts, however, are not always quite in accordance with the novelist's accounts, though there is no need to minimise the dangers of infested seas.

Unlike the whales, the sharks and rays are really fishes and there are more than 200 species of them. Of these mostly found in home waters the Blue and the Smooth-head are fairly common. Some of them may reach 12ft. and they play havoc with nets. The Tope also is a shark, and that queer creature the Hammer-head is seen once in a while. He may run to 12ft. and even goes cruising up the rivers after fish.

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CHURCH'S 13TH CENTENARY.  
Elaborate preparations were made for the celebration of the 13th centenary of the Basilica of Saint-Denis, which started yesterday (October 8), and will last until Sunday (October 10).

Many distinguished prelates take part in the religious services and processions, one of which (weather permitting) is to be held out of doors at night.

A feature of this procession, which marks the opening of the celebration, is the inclusion of the "shrine of the Saints." There will also be a procession of the "Ornament," and special music with choruses. In addition the Societe Archeologique de France is arranging to hold a series of lectures on the history of the building with which are associated the names of many of the Kings of France.

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## 1½ MILLIONS SAVED.

(Continued from page 1.)

The Harbour Master's Department shows an increased estimated expenditure of \$68,902, largely accounted for owing to provision for a new launch to replace the "Victoria."

Reductions on new appointments and abolition of posts on the Kowloon-Canton railway is provided for but these are more than balanced by estimated expenditure on new posts and in other directions, the net increase on estimated expenditure for 1927 exceeding that of 1926 by \$19,140.

Naval Volunteers.

Provision is made for a decrease of \$13,500 on expenditure during 1927 on the Volunteer Defence Corps but mention is also made of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve which is to be formed during the year and which it is estimated will cost the local Government \$40,000.

The Sanitary Department, it is estimated, will cost \$7,044 more during 1927.

The Botanical and Forestry Department cost is estimated to increase by \$2,989.

Miscellaneous Services are estimated to cost less during 1927 by \$88,115.

Charitable Services, Pensions, Fire Brigade, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Junior Clerical Service, Audit Department and Supreme Court provide for increased cost whilst the Treasury Department, Royal Observatory, Imports and Exports Office, Post Office, Magistrates and Prison Department are to cost less.

Previous Years.

The estimated expenditure for 1927 is the lowest for several years, as the following table shows, the figures being exclusive of Public Debt and Military Defence votes:—

	Estimated.	Actual.
1916	\$ 9,081,209	
1917	8,605,105	
1918	8,369,910	
1919	10,605,345	
1920	11,173,226	
1921	14,084,662	\$12,562,520
1922	16,450,131	14,454,331
1923	17,869,016	16,602,749
1924	19,897,302	22,476,644
1925	25,278,133	23,027,928
1926	18,767,777	
1927	17,741,543	

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## LOCARNO FETED.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF TREATY COMMEMORATED.

Locarno, Switzerland, October 8.—This tiny, sunburnt village on Lake Maggiore is dressed in flags and bunting of all nations to-day to celebrate the first anniversary of the day when Briand, Chamberlain, Luther and Stresemann sat around a square table in an improvised conference room and signed, with a golden pen, the piece of parchment which made the name "Locarno" a landmark in the history of the world.

Since that conference European statesmen have hardly delivered a single speech in which the "spirit of Locarno" has not been invoked or recalled as something which flashed across human consciousness and then disappeared forever.

Within a month after the close of the conference a flood of tourists began to inundate the town and there is now an average of 5,000 visitors monthly to a spot inhabited by only 5,000 persons.

The chief object of interest to tourists is a wall clock with its hands stopped at 7.35 p.m. the moment when the last statesman had affixed his name to the famous treaty. The hands were stopped by one of the statesmen who said he wished to perpetuate this moment for all eternity.—"United Press."

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 15—Queen's Theatre: "Messalina."

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October 15—Star Theatre: Alice Terry in "Turn to the Right."

October 15—Theatre Royal, Italian Grand Opera "Rigoletto," 9.15 p.m.

October 17—Star Theatre: Royal Italian Opera "The Barber of Seville" 5 p.m. "Madame Butterfly," 9.15 p.m.

October 20—H.E. The Governor and Lady Clementi "At Home" at Govt. House to representative gathering of the East Surrey Regt.

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

October 30—Repulse "Bay Hotel Carnival."

Sports.

October 16—Hong Kong Police hold aquatic sports at Victoria Recreation Club 3 p.m.

October 20—Army Harbour swim from Kowloon Ferry to R.A.S.C. Camber.

October 30—Fanning Hunt Races, Kwai Tung Race Course, Fanning.

October 30—Annual sport of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 2—Sixth bi-annual race for "Trevelyan Trophy" from Channel Rocks, 4 p.m.

November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auctions.

October 16—At Messrs. Lammet Bros', Sales Room, Duddell Street, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

October 19—Sale by auction at China Auction Rooms, the 8-storeyed Pedder Building, by order of the mortgagee.

Meetings.

October 15—Third annual meeting of Kowloon Chess Club in Kowloon.

October 15—Annual meeting of H.K. Cricket Club, in the Pavilion, 8.30 p.m.

October 15—Annual meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, 5.30 p.m.

October 18—Meeting at Volunteer Headquarters to discuss formation of a Club for badminton in the Drill Hall, 6.30 p.m.

October 21—Annual meeting of members of Craigengower C.C. 6.30 p.m.

October 22—Twenty-second annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, at the Club House, North Point, 5.45 p.m.

October 23—Extraordinary meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., at No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, 2 p.m.

November 6—Third annual meeting of the H.K. Realty &amp; Trust Co., Ltd., at Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

November 6—Twenty-third annual meeting of shareholders of the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road, noon.

Miscellaneous.

October 18—Farewell "Trooping of the Colours," Murray Parade Ground, in connection with departure of E/Surrey Regt. from Hong Kong, 11 a.m.

November 6—Annual Fete, organised by H.K.W.G. &amp; M.C.L. in the grounds of Government House, from 12.30 p.m.

## GRAND OPERA

VOCAL SCORES

FAUST, MIGNON,  
CARMEN, IL TROVATORE  
CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA  
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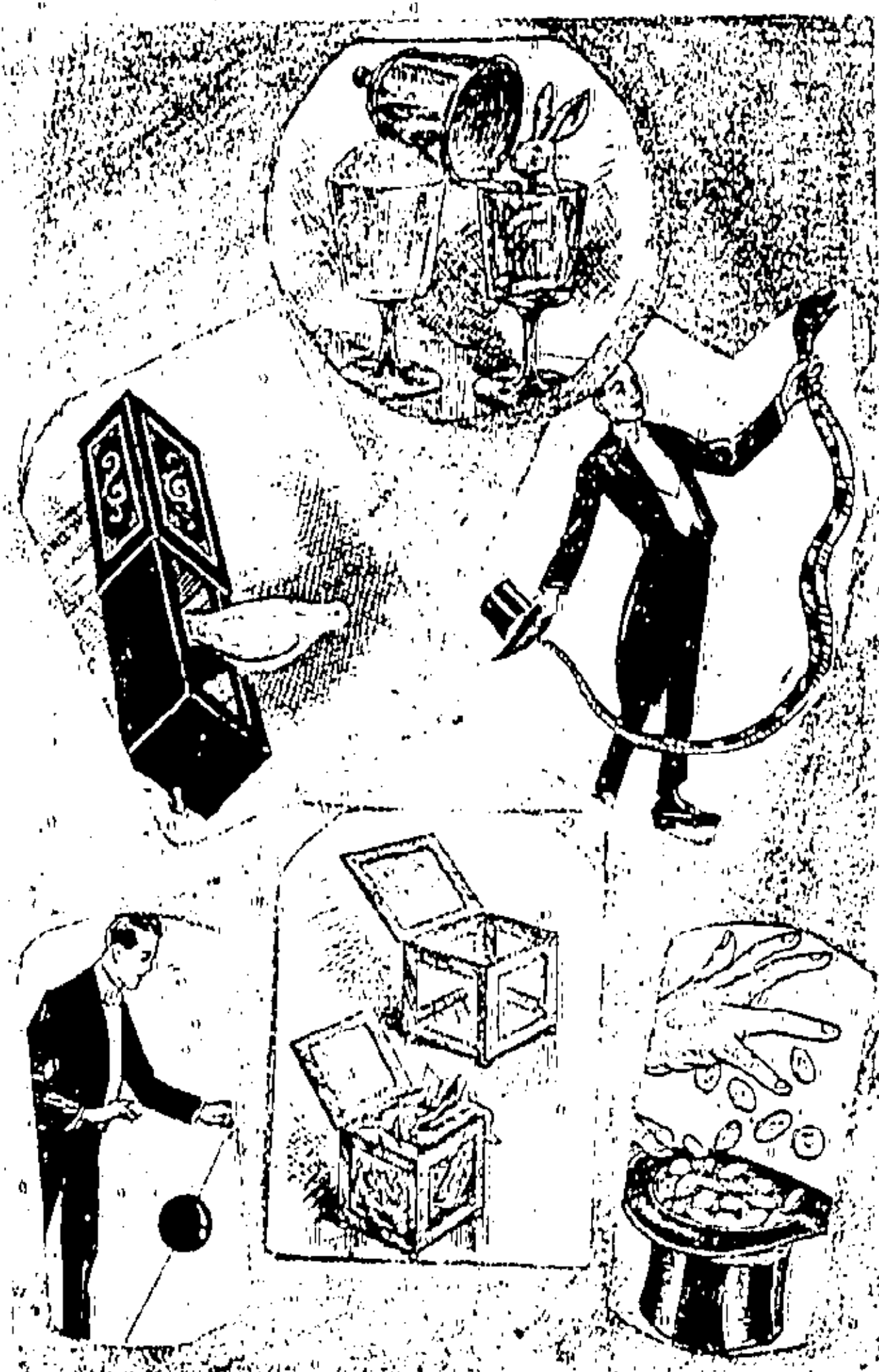
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The University of Wales is the latest British University to extend recognition to Cheelo University, and to express its readiness to admit Cheelo graduates to its post-graduate courses and degrees.

Manila, October 8.—The foreign service tour of officers below the grade of commander and enlisted personnel of the United States Navy on Asiatic station has been increased from two years to two and a half effective December 19.

Tokyo, October 9.—37 Chinese military officers belonging to Marshal Chiang Tso-lin, led by Colonel Lo Yun-kuei, staff officer and concurrently Chief Military Instructor, arrived here yesterday in order to enter various military colleges in this country.

Tokyo, October 8.—The Finance Department announces that Japan's trade with China during the month of September last amounted to Yen 94,238,000 in exports and Yen 15,500,000 in imports; the balance being Yen 78,738,000 in favor of Japan.

Cologne, October 8.—At the close of the congress of the German People's party today, Reich minister of economy, pledged the party support to Dr. Stresemann, the foreign minister, in continuing the programme of Franco-German reconciliation started in the famous Thiers conversation with Briand.

According to a report from Christchurch, the dairymen of Wairarapa, one of the present butter-producing districts in New Zealand, have passed the following resolution: "We strongly resent the attitude of America in excluding our products by a prohibitive tariff which prevents us from paying for our purchases from the United States in goods. We therefore urge New Zealanders to purchase as little as possible from America until it is possible to pay for such purchases with our primary products. Further, we urge that every effort be made to buy from Britain, which takes all our products without any restriction."

Nagasaki, October 8.—The Swedish Crown Prince and Crown Princess are leaving Shimomachi for Chosen at eleven o'clock tonight.

Moscow, October 6.—Russian Grand Duke Cyril who proclaimed himself Czar of Russia last year will leave Cologne with family to reside at Paris.

Mr. W. J. Archer, C.M.G., Counsellor at the Siam Legation, where he has been for thirty years, has retired from the Legation and has left London for South Africa, where he will take up his future residence.

The American Consulate-General, Shanghai, is interested in securing information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Hermogena Puentebella, a citizen of the Philippine Islands, whose last known address was No. 1749 Lincoln Terrace, Kiangwan Road, Shanghai. Any particulars concerning Mrs. Puentebella's present whereabouts will be appreciated.

Berlin, October 4.—Professor Jaek, dean of Berlin University, sailed today for New York where he will lecture in the College of the City of New York on political science. He will take part in a conference with the trustees of Carnegie Institute on the selection of an exchange of professors between Carnegie and Berlin. This system was in use prior to the war.

Paris, October 4.—In an interview with a "Havas" news service man today, Premier Bruce of Australia said that the traditional dependence of British dominions and colonies upon the mother country should not affect the greater autonomy and freedom of action now demanded by Canada and Australia. He denied that he has any advanced idea for separation but he will insist at the coming Conference of the Empire that Australia have more self-determination.

A report has just come to hand that the Rev. I. S. W. Rying, a member of the Free Methodist Mission (an English Society) has been captured by bandits at Chenliu, a town some thirty miles south-east of Kaifeng, in Honan. No further particulars are yet to hand. Honan seems still to be the happy hunting ground of Chinese banditry, and all those who lay claim to, wield any power of a lawful nature in this land are far too busy looking after their own interests to pay any attention to these freebooters.

Lighting-up time today is at 5.53 p.m.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 2, amounted to 32,553 tons, and the sales during the period to 56,980 tons.

Japanese Buddhists numbering 22 persons left Japan on October 1 for China. They will first visit Korea and Manchuria, and after remaining two days in Peking will proceed to the South.

While engaged in the installation of telephone lines to the new Government building at central, a workman was struck by a tramcar and thrown into a trench on the roadside yesterday. The man was removed to hospital by ambulance with serious wounds on the head and face.

The house-fly breeds so quickly that one small manure heap may, in ten days, become the breeding spot of millions. In a normal summer the descendants of one female may number 18,000,000,000,000. Preventive measures may deal with eggs or the adult fly. Half a pound of powdered borax dissolved in two or three gallons of water is very good for sprinkling or spraying.

Christchurch, New Zealand.—The appointment of Mr. Markman Secretary to the Telegraph Department as general manager of the Pacific Cable Board for New Zealand is regarded as a recognition by the board of the importance of the Dominion commercially and Imperially, and an indication that the board expects a great expansion of business immediately the cable is duplicated.

Some time ago, Dr. Alfred Sao, Chinese Minister at Washington, made arrangements with the Chicago Bankers' Group to pay the interest of the Wine and Tobacco Loan, but now he has addressed a telegram to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that the interest is again due, and that the obligation should be met without any further delay. The Cabinet has instructed the Ministry of Finance to devise means to pay the coupons at once, says the Peking Leader.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Hon. Mr. A. Lang arrived in the Colony today from Shanghai by the s.s. "Morca."

Reminder: Craigengower C.C. annual "at home" beginning at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. H. W. Ray, of the Hong Kong Amusements, is to sail for Shanghai today by s.s. "Porthos."

Berlin, October 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, Dr. Everth has accepted a call to Leipzig University as professor of "journalistic science."

Mr. Kang Yu-wel, the well-known Chinese scholar and monarchical advocate, has returned to Shanghai from an extensive trip in central and north China.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. R. H. Clive, formerly a member of the British Consular Service in China, has been promoted, Minister to Persia.

Cherbourg, October 4.—Queen Marie of Rumania sailed today for America. She will be the guest in New York of Mrs. William Randolph Hearst and later will go to California, and spend the winter.

The Consular Body in Shanghai gave a dinner at the Shanghai Club last Tuesday, October 6 in honour of Mr. Julio Palencia, Spanish Consul, on the eve of his departure for home to recuperate. The duties of Mr. Palencia, who has been in poor health, will be discharged by Mr. Manuel Acel, Secretary of Embassy, who has come down from Peking.

Amongst the passengers who arrived on Wednesday by the s.s. "Antenor" were: Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. P. H. Cobb, Mrs. Greig, Miss E. V. Hughes, Mrs. Holyoak, Miss J. Holyoak, Miss D. Holyoak, Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Joll, Mrs. Jacobs-Larcomb, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lay, Mrs. A. C. Middleton, Mrs. H. R. Remington, Mrs. Syme-Thompson, Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mrs. Whyte-Smith, and Miss Aileen Woods.

Hankow, October 9.—Foreigners in Siaoan have been enjoying more peace since the Northerners left, than they have had since pre-revolution days. There is hardly a soldier to be seen, and only once the sound of a bugle to be heard. Now the City is placarded with notices telling the people to oppose the Church at every turn, and hound the Britishers out of the place. This was to come into effect yesterday.

H.M.S. "Keppel" and the other units of the 3rd destroyer flotilla, coming to Hong Kong from the Mediterranean, are due to arrive to-morrow.

Tokyo, September 10.—A new "smoke screen," believed by the authorities to be invaluable for war purposes, is declared to have been invented by Prof. Minoru Nakamoto, head of the chemistry department of the Kanazawa Technical school. Prof. Nakamoto's "smoke," it is said, is seven times more effective than that used in the world war and is of such a nature that it can withstand any ordinary wind.

Hankow, October 7.—A request has been handed in to the Editor of the "Central China Post" that he publish in the columns of the "C. C. Post" a lengthy statement entitled a Manifesto to the British Imperialists. There are limits even to his courtesy. It is one thing to throw mud at the unfortunate Britisher; it is quite another thing to hand it to him in lumps and ask him to plaster it over his own face. The W. P. B. receives the contribution with thanks.

Hendaye, October 6.—Travelers arriving here from Madrid and other points in Spain say that each day marks a loss in General Primo de Rivera's power and it is only a question of weeks until he resigns. It is reported that widespread disaffection exists in both the cavalry and artillery over General Primo de Rivera's policies in Morocco and the premier is attempting to strengthen his position by granting wholesale promotions to infantry officers.

Paris, October 7.—At a Cabinet Council today, M. Poincaré gave an account of the conversation which he had yesterday with the President of the Finance Commission. M. Sarraut has addressed to the chief administration of each department in France a circular specifying the obligations which respect for the laws of French hospitality imposes on foreigners residing on French territory. All agitation, violent controversy, manifestation of provocation, and all attempts at unwarrantable interference in the exercise of the law of expulsion are formally prohibited.

On the departure of Mr. T. W. Clifton to home leave, Mr. R. V. Deat will take over the secretaryship of the Shanghai Foreign Silk Association.

The engagement is announced between Herbert John Weston Peck, eldest son of the late Captain Herbert W. Peck, Sarawak Service, and Joan Tasker Evans, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evans, of Fair Elms, Pinner.

Atlantic City, New Jersey.—"Smoking is not doing women any good," declared Dr. Franz Femel, the Austrian ear, nose, and throat specialist, who has arrived here. "It enlarges their vocal chords, makes their voices harsh and guttural instead of soft and sweet, and creates a general catarrhal condition."

Geneva, September 18.—The latest thing in women's hair cuts is the "Hindenburg crop." Several of the prettiest girls in Geneva, after a period of discreet seclusion, have now appeared with their hair cropped and stiffly pompadoured in the German general. The effect is startling, but for some faces not so severe as it sounds. The fashion was started by a Basle hairdresser.

Montreal.—The Union Jack and the tricolour intertwined enlivened the sombre walls of the Montreal court-house when the Montreal welcomed Lord Darling and M. Georges Chrestell, the delegate from the Paris Bar. Sheriff Lapierre, in purple robe and gold chain, escorted Lord Darling to a place of honour on the Bench. Two hundred members of the Bar, attired in court robes, attended. An address of welcome was given by Acting Chief Justice Martin, and Lord Darling replied.

Melbourne.—Six different plans for the entertainment of the Duke and Duchess of York during their Australian tour in February are suggested. One of these would start at Brisbane, and the Royal party would then go southwards through Sydney, Melbourne, and the other capitals, thus economising distance and would leave more than for inland excursions in all States. Another plan names Hobart or Adelaide as the starting point. It is assumed, however, that the main welcome will be arranged at Melbourne or Sydney. The Duke will be asked to indicate his personal preference after a consultation with Mr. Bruce.

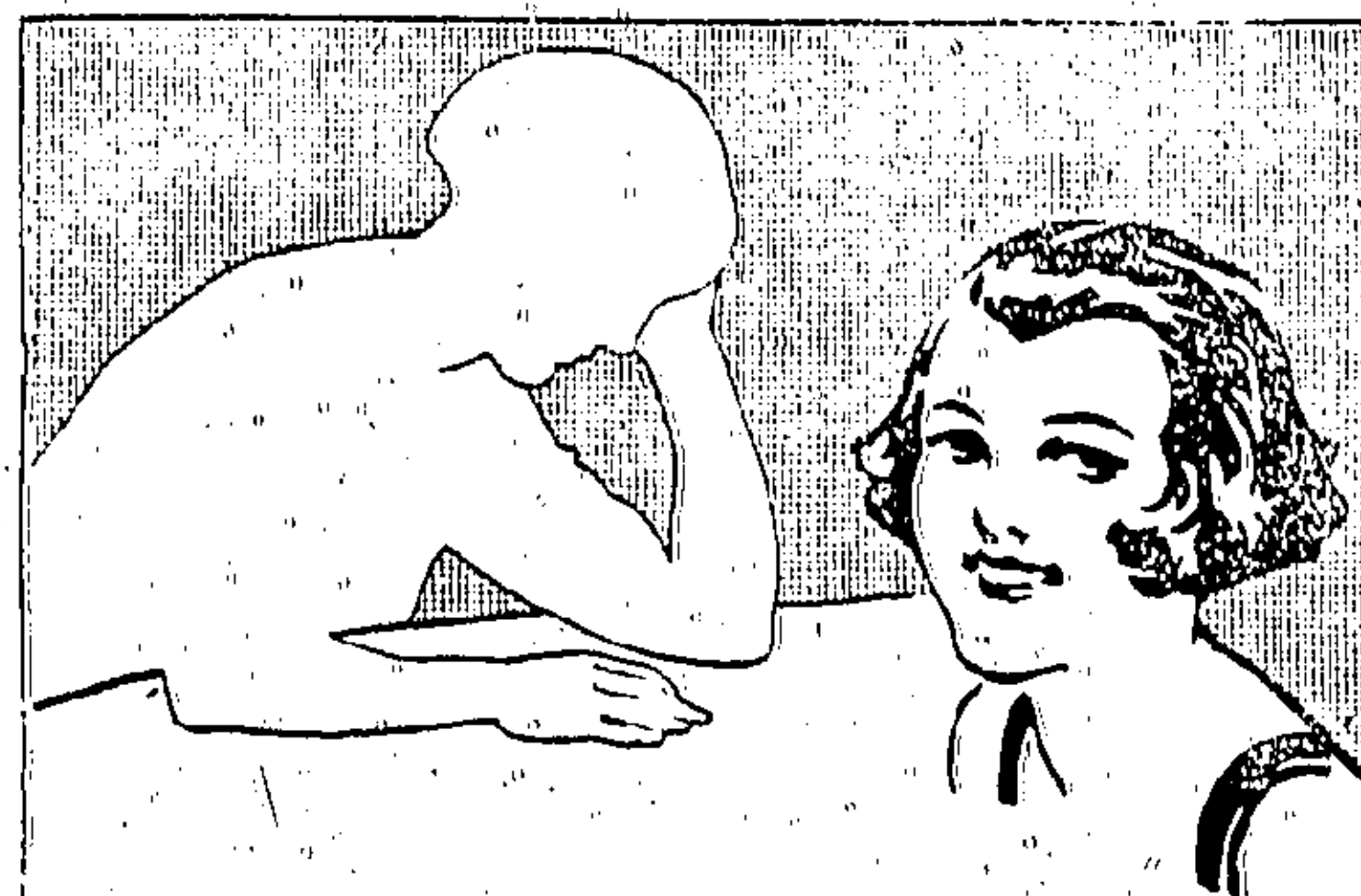
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But about this "General Lieut." So little is known, in the Old Country that names of places, generals, factions, organisations, &c., are sadly mutilated or misrepresented. The man referred to was Liu Tso-lung, who betrayed Wu Peifu and gave the Hanyang Arsenal to Canton.

The "China Mail" takes great pains in supplying footnotes and explanations to all messages which baffle the non-Chinese. A week's collection of these—in the "Overland"—make a handy reference for use here or abroad. Get a copy immediately!

This week has seen the momentous settlement of the boycott. Whatever views you hold individually, yours will be included as a complete record has been kept, making an excellent and readable narrative. All communiques, despatches and reports are reproduced. The first phase of what is hoped will be the new era of Hong Kong, is described in such a way as to be informative, convincing and impartial—thus meeting the requirements of all.

Every other bit of "local" news from last Thursday to this Wednesday inclusive will be found in this issue.

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# People and Events in the News of the World



Mrs. Rosina Rago, demented New York mother, told Mrs. Lena Cannata, above, that she had just boiled her own child to death and proposed to do the same with Mrs. Cannata's. Mrs. Cannata pretended to agree and when an opportunity offered, led to the street with her infant.



Emil Balanescu, Cleveland medical student, was acquitted of charges of administering a "love potion" to Dorothy Kier, his deaf sweetheart.



Irving Berlin and his bride, formerly Ellen Mackay, failed in an attempt to reach New York from London undiscovered. They were recognized at Quebec.



Joan Green, New York dancer, alleged that Joe Darcy, black-fag comedian, threw her from a motor. Joan denies the charge.



William A. Winterer, of Philadelphia, is shown with the revolver that the police believe is the one with which the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills were killed in New Jersey.



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CHARLES G. DAWES

Friends have started Presidential booms for Nicholas Longworth, Speaker; Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois; William E. Borah, Idaho Senator, and Charles G. Dawes, Vice-President.



Mr. William P. McCracken is shown at his desk in Washington, where he assumed duties as Assistant Secretary of Commerce, in charge of aviation.



JULIUS ROSENWALD



PEGGY JOYCE



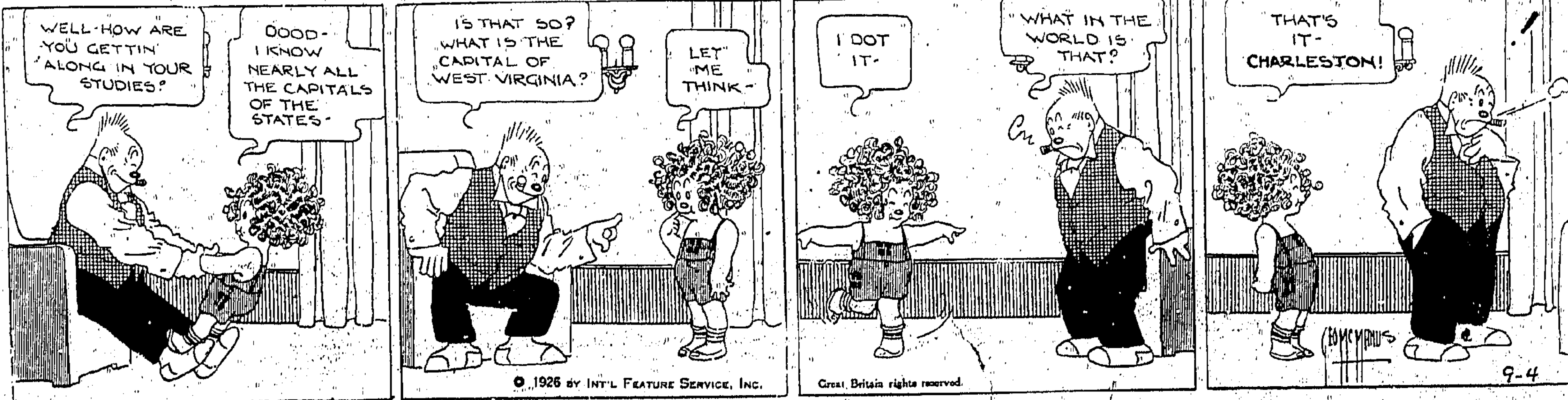
THEODORE ROOSEVELT



SIR ESMÉ HOWARD

Julius Rosenwald, Chicago merchant, has been seriously ill at the Summer White House. Peggy Joyce may marry again this time to a rich French banker, according to reports from France. Theodore Roosevelt denounced primary expenses in Pennsylvania in a speech marking his re-entrance into politics. Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador at Washington, was appealed to, to arrange a dry agreement with Canada.

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## FRIEND, NOT FOE.

FOREIGNERS' VIEWS OF  
CHINA.

CANTON THE BEST?

Commenting on a remark by Dr. C. C. Wu (predecessor of Mr. Eugene Chen as Canton's Foreign Minister) in an article on "Alms of the Kuomintang" and his claim that with justice it is "the only political party in China which has a continuous history from the revolution," the "N.C. Daily News" says in an editorial on October 11:

We would go further and say that the Kuomintang is the only party which has set up a government that seems to embody the vital principle that "the King never dies."

Other provinces have had periods of more beneficent rule than Canton's, but it has always been "one-man" rule. In Canton alone is there an appearance of continuity of principle independent of changes in personnel.

To say that is not at all to imply that the Kuomintang and Canton are free from criticism.

Dr. Wu says that the foreign policy of the Kuomintang is to be friendly to those who are friendly to it.

But we cannot help thinking that his passionate wishes for the future have made him forgetful of the past. There are episodes in that past for which the Kuomintang will some day come to blush.

### Striking Example.

When, for example, a foreign hospital or school is violently expropriated by a gang of buccaneering ruffians, when even the Chinese patients are turned out naked and cry regardless of their condition; when the foreign doctors and teachers, whose sole motive in coming to China was to do her good, are pelted through the streets with mud and abuse; and when the Supreme Government in Canton remains as apathetic about righting the injustice as its local officials were to stop it at the outset; then we say that that Government is not true to the policy of being friendly to those who are friendly to it.

Episodes of the kind mentioned and too many others explain why the foreigner clings so desperately to the so-called unequal treaties.

### Foreign Friendship.

Not any thought of humiliating China, but the mere instinct of self-preservation is his motive. So far from wishing to keep her in an inferior position, foreigners would be most happy to see China conquering her internal difficulties and thereby automatically taking her rightful place in the world, and the question of treaties would, as automatically, solve itself.

It is not Nationalism's aims which have awakened mistrust, but its methods.

Against this, much may be forgiven, in the wretched state of affairs now prevailing in China.

## CHANG'S NEW ORDER

SOLDIERS NOT TO INTERFERE  
IN CIVIL AFFAIRS.

A MUCH NEEDED MEASURE.

Peking, October 4.—Chang Tso-lin has issued orders to all commanders of Fengtien forces "this side of the Great Wall" that they must in no way interfere with the normal civil administration of the areas in which they are stationed. The order was issued on September 30, and was due to complaints made from many quarters that Fengtien commanders were disregarding the civil authorities and running the communities in which they were stationed to suit themselves.

Chu Yu-pu has been also instructed by Chang Tso-lin that after Taming and Peking are taken over by the "Allies" the same order must apply to the commanders in those areas.

## PEKING COAL STOCKS

ELECTRIC COMPANY'S  
APPEAL.

Peking, October 4.—The Peking Electric Company has made an appeal to Chang Hsueh-liang that orders be issued to the director of the Peking-Mukden line to bring coal into Peking as quickly as possible in order that the electric plant shall not have to shut down. Coal stocks now on hand are very low, the company reports.

Chang Hsueh-liang has told the company to negotiate directly with the Peking-Mukden Administration.

Ordinarily the company gets its coal from the northwest, but the Peking-Suiyuan railway has practically no rolling-stock available for coal transportation.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR OCTOBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East or Greenwich.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
October	a.m.	p.m.
15	6.19	5.50
16	6.20	5.52
17	6.20	5.57
18	6.21	5.56
19	6.21	5.56
20	6.22	5.55
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26	6.25	5.50
27	6.25	5.50
28	6.25	5.49
29	6.26	5.49
30	6.26	5.48
31	6.27	5.47

The history of the past five years, particularly the past sixteen months, is ample proof that the Powers most sincerely desire to be friendly to China and only wait for her to respond.

## SHANGHAI COURT.

TRIBUTES TO FORMER  
SHANGHAI JUDGES.

FIRST SITTING OF NEW COURT.

Shanghai, October 9.—The first sitting of the new Full Court of Appeal was held yesterday in H.M. Supreme Court, Sir Skinner Purner, the President, being accompanied on the Bench by Sir H. Gollan, Chief Justice of Hong Kong and Judge Grain. At the opening of the Court, the President said:—

Mr. Crown Advocate.—Before commencing our work to-day, it is right that a brief reference should be made to the severance of two links with the past history of the Bench of this Court that have recently occurred. I refer to the death of Judge Mowat and of Sir H. S. Wilkinson. Their careers were curiously alike: both men came to the East in 1864 in H.M. Consular service, one to China and the other to Japan. Both men turned their attention to the study of the law and both were called to the Bar in London.

## WORLD THEATRE.

"CIRCUS DAYS" TO-DAY AND  
TO-MORROW.

The truth was not over-stated in the advance notices of "Circus Days." It is indeed a mammoth production—yet so intimate and direct is the story as it was directed by Eddie Cline and so personal is its appeal, that the proportions of the picture are not oppressive. The beholder who follows poor Toby Tyler from adventure to adventure will rejoice in the success that finally comes to the dear child whose truancy was inspired by a zeal to help a needy mother.

The mood set by the picture is essentially gay. There is just enough of pathos to serve as contrast, but in no previous picture starring Jackie Coogan have there been so many moments of unbroken mirth.

As the peanut and lemonade merchant, little Jackie has a picturesque role, new to admirers of his versatile genius. As a "double" for the tiniest of equestriennes in the world, and dressed in her fluffy skirts, Jackie is a "scream" and finally as the hero of the sawdust circle, the little actor is adorable. A cast of nearly flawless quality is seen in support of the star. Barbara Tennant, De Witt Jennings, Cesare Gravini, Peaches Jackson, Sam De Grasse, Claire McDowell, Russell Simpson and others are effective in their various characterisations.

As successor to Jackie Coogan in "Oliver Twist," Jackie in "Toby Tyler" is destined to achieve an even more intimate and coveted place in the affection of the motion picture world, for it is so human, so blithe and so merry.

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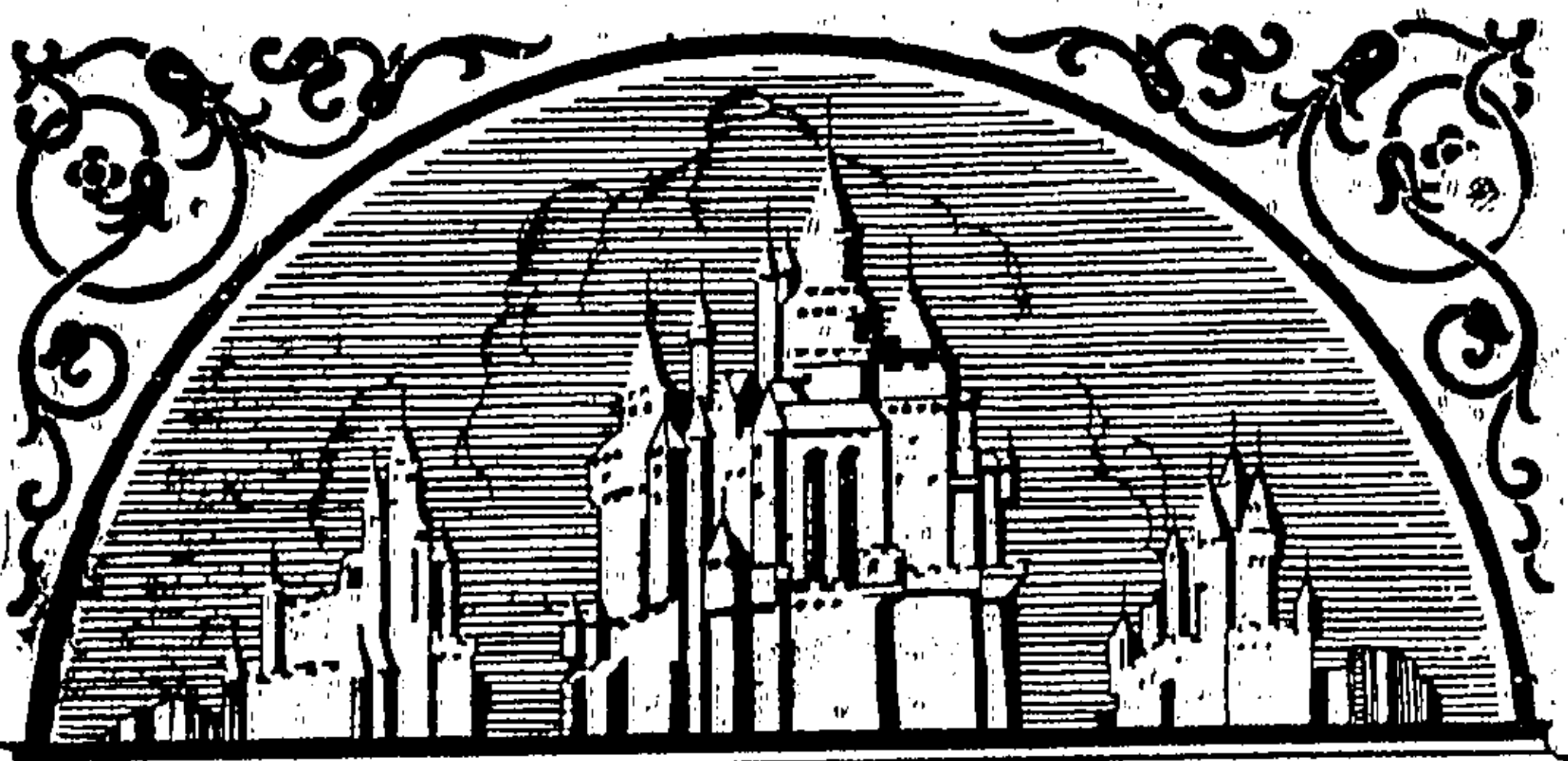
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### INWARD MAILS.

FROM	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.	PER
Straits	.....	Takada
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Shanghai	.....	Patroclus
Japan	.....	Aki Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	.....	Pres. Jefferson
Manila	.....	Pres. Lincoln

### OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.	PER	TIMES
Shanghai	.....	Carmarthenshire	4 p.m.
Amoy	.....	Kumming	5 p.m.
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand	.....	.....	.....
via Thursday Island - due Thursday 17th Oct. Parcel 5 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
Registration (18th Oct.) 8.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, S. E. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles - due Marseilles 18th Nov. Parcel 5 p.m. (18th Oct.) Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.	.....	.....	.....
Japan	.....	Mishima Maru	9.30 a.m.
Bangkok	.....	Kwangtung	10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	.....	Horan Maru	10 a.m.
Amoy	.....	Kailan	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17.	.....	.....	.....
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	.....	Kailan Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco - due San Francisco 18th Nov. & Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
Hothow and Haiphong	.....	Tonyo Maru	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	.....	Sachuen	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18.	.....	.....	.....
Shanghai and Japan	.....	Atsuta Maru	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria B.C. - due Victoria B.C. 7th Nov. Parcel Nov. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	.....	.....	.....
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island - due Thursday 18th Nov. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	.....	.....	.....
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Bangkok	.....	Patroclus	11 a.m.
Manila	.....	Empress of Canada	3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	.....	Kailan Maru	9 a.m.

\*Correspondence should be sent to the Editor only.

### COAL CRISIS.

HOW THE DISTRICTS VOTED.  
EXECUTIVE'S DILEMMA.

Rugby, Oct. 14.

The Executive Committee of the Miners' Federation met in London to-day to receive the decisions from districts regarding the resolution adopted by the Delegate Conference last week urging the withdrawal of the safety men from the pits and other measures for intensifying the dispute. The resolution was proposed by the South Wales delegates and carried in spite of the opposition of the members of the Executive who will consequently be placed in a rather anomalous position if the districts instruct them to supplement the resolution.

Voting on the matter has been effected at district lodge meetings generally by a show of hands and the men who have returned to work, now numbering about 225,000, have no opportunity of expressing their opinion. In any case even if the districts are found to have approved the resolution, its effect is expected to be negligible.

The safety men belong mainly to organisations unaffiliated to the Miners' Federation, and intend to continue at work. The leaders of the Railway and Transport Unions have made clear at the Labour Conference this week that no steps will be taken to place an embargo on foreign coal. The Labour Conference was also opposed to a Trades Union levy as suggested by the miners' resolution.

Any stoppage of the outcrop working which was also urged by the resolution is likely to be unpopular with many thousands of miners, who have made considerable sums by this unofficial method of coal getting.—British Wireless Service.

### The Vote.

London, October 14.

At a meeting to-day of the Executive of the Miners' Federation in London announced that the voting in the districts on the decision to withdraw the safety men from the pits resulted:-

For decision ..... 450,000  
Against ..... 284,000  
Majority 176,000

—Reuter.

### No Undue Importance.

London, October 14.

Political circles do not attach undue importance to the miners' decision to confirm the South Wales militant policy, as it is believed that it will be impossible to carry it out; but it is declared that in the event of any interference with the working of the coal mines anywhere in the country, the Government will take "adequate steps".—Reuter.

### "MUST AND WILL"

Embargo on Coal and Union Levy.

Rugby, October 14.

The result is announced of the voting in the districts on the resolution passed last week by the miners' Delegate Conference which recommended the withdrawal of safety men from the pits, an embargo on foreign coal, a levy on other Trades Unions, and the cessation of work on outcrops.

At the close of to-day's meeting of the Executive it was stated that the vote showed 460,154 in favour of and 284,336 against the resolution. No vote had yet taken place in Nottinghamshire or Leicestershire. Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, stated that in view of the endorsement of the resolution by the districts attempts must and will be made to secure an embargo on coal and a levy on Trades Unions, and also to deal with the question of the withdrawal of the safety men.

These questions will be considered to-morrow when the Executive Committee meets again. As, however, as been indicated in previous official wireless messages, the safety men belong mainly to organisations not affiliated to the Miners' Federation, action in this direction is impossible. The leaders of the Railway and Transport Unions have made it clear that those Unions can neither place an embargo on foreign coal nor make a levy; and the stoppage of outcrop working is likely to be unpopular with many thousands of miners who have made money by it.—British Wireless Service.

### FOREIGN GUESTS.

EGYPTIAN MINISTER HONOURED.

NOTABLE GATHERING.

Rugby, October 14.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave a luncheon to-day in honour of Abdel Khafik Pasha Sarwat, Egyptian Foreign Minister.

Among the guests were Sessistria Bey, Egyptian Charge d'Affaires, Ismail Bey Sarwat, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Lloyd, High Commissioner for Egypt, and high officials of the Foreign Office.—British Wireless Service.

### CONFERENCE WORK.

MOMENTOUS PROGRAMME NEXT WEEK.

Rugby, October 14.

The opening session of the Imperial Conference will be held on Tuesday next in the Cabinet room of the Prime Minister's official London residence.

All the self-governing Dominions and India will be represented at the Conference, which is the first to be held since 1923. Owing to the great distances to be travelled by the delegates, the attendance necessities long absences from their Governmental responsibilities in the various Dominions and the Conference can only be arranged at irregular and infrequent intervals, but in recent years it has been found possible to hold these Empire gatherings every two or three years.

Although in the intervals between conferences the Dominion Prime Ministers are kept closely informed by cable on international affairs in which the Empire as a whole is concerned, a vast field remains for fresh discussion and consultation when the heads of the overseas Governments assemble in London, and in this respect next week's conference will be no exception.

The outline of the work that lies before the delegates will be given in a speech in which Mr. Baldwin will welcome the visiting Premiers. There will, however, be nothing rigid in this outline and when the visitors reply in turn they will be at liberty to raise any questions upon which they would like to have an expression of opinion by the Conference.

The first day of the Conference will probably be confined to exchanges of courtesy, but before adjourning, a more detailed survey of the agenda of the Conference and its procedure will be made. In the list of subjects to be dealt with, some matters will doubtless be referred to a committee, while others will be reserved for discussion at full Conference meetings.

It is generally assumed that inter-Imperial matters will be discussed on the statements by Secretaries of State for the Dominions and Colonies and for the defensive services, and the other questions will be raised on a statement made by the Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Many members of the Conference, however, attach more importance to the economic questions that will figure on the agenda. All the memoranda have been prepared by appropriate Government Departments on such matters as Overseas Settlement, inter-Imperial trade, communications, research, films, and other subjects upon which decisions may be taken by the Conference.—British Wireless Service.

### FOR PARIS.

AMERICAN LEGION'S NEXT CONVENTION.

Philadelphia, October 14.

The convention of the American Legion decided to hold the next annual session in Paris. This means that about 30,000 men and women who saw war service in France will sail for France on 28 ships in September, 1927.

All business transacted in Paris must be ratified by another meeting in New York after the delegates return, as the constitution of the Legion provides that conventions must be held on American soil.—Reuter's American Service.

### FORGED NOTES.

ECHO OF HUNGARIAN SCANDAL.

SENTENCES REDUCED.

Budapest, October 14.

The Court of Cassation has given its verdict in the frame forgery case. It has reduced the sentence on Prince Windischgratz to four years' imprisonment. The sentence on Nadosk has been reduced to 3½ years' hard labour. The other sentences have only been slightly modified.—Reuter.

A Budapest cable of August 24 reported:—The Appeal Court has confirmed the judgment of the lower Court on all points in the case of the frame forgery. The sentences of Genoe, the Adviser to the Geographical Institute, and Raba, ex-Secretary to Prince Windischgratz, have been reduced from two years to 18 months and from 18 months to a year's imprisonment, respectively.

### HIS AMBITION.

RISE FROM BANDIT TO PRESIDENT.

Peking, Oct. 14.

The "Shantung Shih Pao," publishes a report, alleged to emanate from sources in close touch with the Fengtien faction, that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will shortly take control of the Central Government as Chief Executive, later becoming President.

The paper's informant states that Chang Tso-lin had intended to await a settlement of the civil strife and election by Parliament before taking office, but the present critical situation impelled him to summon a conference at Mukden recently, and it was decided he would come to Peking in about ten days, and if the leaders of other factions such as Wu Peifu and Sun Chuan-fang do not raise objections, he will come to Peking and become Chief Executive.—Reuter.

### NEUVE CHAPELLE.

MEMORIAL TO INDIAN TROOPS.

Rugby, October 14.

Work has already been begun on a memorial at Neuve Chapelle to the Indian troops who fought in France. It will probably be completed next spring.—British Wireless Service.

### MISSIONARIES RELEASED.

Peking, Oct. 14.

A telegram from the American Consul at Changsha announces that the three American missionaries recently captured in Hunan have been rescued unhurt, on October 12, after having been in the hands of bandits for eighteen days. No ransom was paid.—Reuter.

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